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Response

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2002 in the subject application the date for response hereby extended to include today's date by petition and payment of the proper fee herewith. Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 6 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.